Construction of Anecut near Chendanahalli.

*Q.—477. Sri B. K. PUTTARAMIYA (Channapatna):—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the reasons for not taking up the work of constructing an Anecut near Chendanhalli, in Kunigal Taluk to supply water through a channel to the tanks and lands of Channapatna and Maddur taluks through surveys have been conducted by the Public Works Department twice or thrice at an expense of thousands of rupees ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works & Electricity).—

An estimate has been prepared and is under scrutiny. The work will be considered for sanction if found feasible.

Construction of Anecut across Marihalla in Ramanagaram Taluk.

*Q.—479. Sri B. K. PUTTARAMIYA (Channapatna).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the reasons for not taking steps on the assurance given by the ex-Chief Minister Sri Nijalingappa that an anecut at an estimated cost of eight or nine lakhs of rupees would be constructed across the Marihalla in Ramanagaram Taluk and the water thereof would be supplied to Nagavare Tank, Kengere Tank, Bevur Tank, and the lands of Tavutanahally and other villages as also to Mandya Bommanayakanahalli tank, Honnayaklenahalli Tank and the lands of the neighbouring villages ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works & Electricity).—

There is no indication of any such assurance. However, construction of another reservoir across Arkavathi near Hallimala site below Marihalla near Ramanagaram for supply of water to Bangalore Corporation area is under investigation. Since the diversion of water of the tributary—Marihalla—would adversely affect supplies to the proposed Hallimala Reservoir, the question of constructing this new irrigation work and diverting the flow could not therefore be considered.

Licences for quarrying in Devanahalli Taluk.

*Q.—499. Sri T. PARTHASARATHI (Malleswaram).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the important whole bottom portion of the Granite Quarries at Quira village in Devanahalli Taluk was permitted for removing stones to one Sri K. M. Muniswamappa the Patel of the same Koira village for a megre sum of Rs. 150 as royalty per year and monopoly licence was granted by the Tahsildar from the year 1945 to 1956 ;

(*b*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that several persons who are interested in this business line have applied offering up to Rs. 25,000 per year as royalty for these Quarries from the year 1956 to 1959.

(*c*) whether it a fact that the Geological Department has received several applications in the beginning of year 1958 stating that the applicants were prepared to pay huge amounts per block of 10 guntas (¼ acre) as per rules of the Geological Department against Rs. 35 per block per year and also deposited the amounts with the Government in the year 1958 together with their applications.

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Government has passed an order No. CI 160 MNL dated 13th March 1958 on the recommendations of the Director of Mines and Geology in his letter No. G. 20331 dated 26th Febr 1958